

WHAT MATTERS October 10, 2018

News from Your Synod and Ministry Partners

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA/ 6401 Odana Road / Suite 20 / Madison, WI 53719 / (608)270-0201 / www.scsw-elca.org



Our Mission:
We care for, connect and equip the congregations of our synod to be the heart and hands of Jesus.



Lutheran World Relief In Gathering Is Finally Here!

This Saturday, October 13

**Wisconsin Southern Railroad Yard
1890 E. Johnson Street - Madison
7:00 am - 11:00 am**

Other locations:

1025 15th Avenue - Monroe, WI

One block north of Grace Lutheran Church
Drop off times: Monday - Friday, October 8-12 from 9am - 4pm
Site Coordinator: Beth Faith - 608-325-9172

First English Lutheran Church - Platteville

215 W. Pine Street
Drop off times: Friday, October 12 from 8am to noon
Contact: Rev. Michael Short - 608-348-3022

Please fill out this form and bring it with you to the in-gathering! Click on link below for form:

<https://scsw-elca.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/BoxcarLoadingHandoutInfo2018.pdf>



ITEMS ACCEPTED

Quilts, Fleece Tied Blankets, School Kits, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, Fabric Kits, blankets and soap.

PACKING NOTES

40-lb. limit per box. Please use strong cartons secured with packing tape. Label boxes clearly in large, block letters with the contents and name and address of your congregation. Do not mix items; boxes should be all Mission Quilts, all Fabric Kits, etc.

QUESTIONS

Specific assembly guidelines for the projects are available online at lwr.org/kits or by requesting a free Quilt & Kit Ministry Guide at lwr.org/resources or 800.597.5972.

DON'T FORGET! Be sure to give the **Quilt & Kit Tracker** a try and find out where in the world your quilts and kits travel! Visit lwr.org/tracker to learn more.

QUILT & KIT SHIPPING FUND

Cash contributions are most welcome. Send checks made out to Lutheran World Relief directly to:
Lutheran World Relief / PO Box 17061 / Baltimore, MD 21298-9832

Thank you to all of our congregations and those who take this on individually for supporting this ministry! You have been blessed to be a blessing!



The Youth & Family Ministry Network of the SCSW will gather!



Thursday, October 25, 2018

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

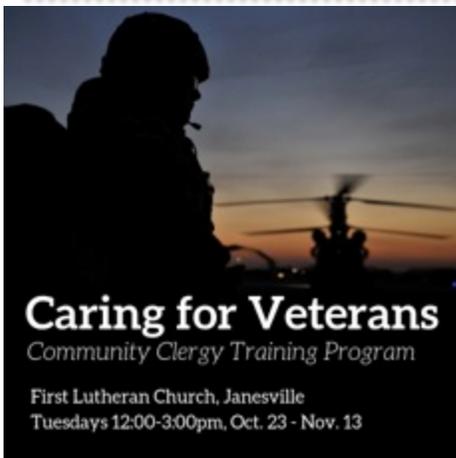
at the Synod Office - 6401 Odana Rd, Suite 20 Madison OR online via Zoom.

All volunteers, lay staff, and rostered ministers who work within the realm of youth and family ministry are invited to join us as we network together and brainstorm how we may engage the youth of our synod over the next year. This will be an important gathering as we listen to each other, our experiences, our challenges, and our hopes for the future. Join with other youth leaders for this time of visioning and getting acquainted with one another.

Also, be sure to join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/scswyouth/>.

HOLD THE DATE! LEAD 2019 WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 2 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb

More information will follow in a couple months, but hold this date! This is the synod's second largest event, second to synod assembly. And any committees and partners that wish to display, please contact Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development at the synod office to hold your space: vickih@scsw-elca.org or call 608-270-0201



Caring for Veterans Community Clergy Training Program

Where: First Lutheran Church, Janesville, WI
612 N Randall Ave

When: Tuesdays from 12:00-3:00pm on
October 23rd & 30th, November 6th & 13th

About the training:

Members of the clergy with a heart for the care of Veterans and active duty service members in their community will gather together to learn more about warriors' needs and ways to serve and support them. We will view educational videos from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, engage in facilitated discussion, and meet with a VA chaplain and other community experts. Participants will strategize and work together to improve access to VA and community services; addressing mental health

issues, relationship problems, difficulties for the children of military families; lowering levels of substance abuse and homelessness; and improving physical health and well-being. Please join us for this important training.

Please RSVP by calling First Lutheran's office at 608-752-7434 x10 or by emailing office@flcj.org before October 16th so we can plan for food and materials. Please include any dietary restrictions.

Lunch is provided from 12:00-12:30

Module Schedule:

- October 23rd – Military Culture and the Wounds of War
- October 30th - Military Culture and the Wounds of War (Continued)
- November 6th – Pastoral Care for Veterans and their Families
- November 13th – Mental Health Services & Referrals and Building Community Partnerships

WHAT MATTERS MISSION MOMENT: Where Your Offering Goes

SYNOD EVENTS

Caring, Connecting & Equipping

At the top of every issue of What Matters, we print the synod's mission statement: We care for, connect, and equip the congregations of our synod to be the heart and hands of Jesus.

This mission statement describes that which directs and energizes the work of your synod synod staff, council leaders, committee leaders and conference deans who we consider to be extensions of the synod staff. It describes what we do and for whom we do it. **Synod events** provide ample opportunity for all three areas of service. This weekend, we gathered, connected and cared for pastors, deacons, vicars and spouses of our congregations at the annual **Bishop's Convocation**.



The event was held at the Abbey on Lake Geneva in Fontana Wisconsin that provided our leaders with a peaceful setting in which to gather and relax.



Our rostered worked hard during plenaries and enjoyed this equipping time where they were engaged in lively conversation with each other and with **Dr. Samuel Giere**, Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation from Wartburg Theological Seminary. His keynote, "**Prophetic Gospel: Incarnation, Subversive Faith, Public Word**" addressed the proclamation of Jesus Christ in this frail political climate where an already eroded trust continues to wear thinner, especially over the last decade. We would be surprised if the preaching you hear in the weeks ahead isn't impacted by your pastor and/or deacon's new understandings from this event.

In addition to being cerebrally challenged, attendees enjoyed collegiality and an afternoon of free time activities ranging from ziplining to cooking to painting to golfing to walks around the lake or naps in their rooms.



We ended our Monday evening with Holden Evening prayer with Holy Communion and a moving sermon by Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld, and beautiful music by Rev. Tim Hansen (Our Savior's - Sun Prairie) and Rev. Nancy Raabe (Holy Trinity - Marshall). It is a gift for church leaders to hear the gospel and be fed by the message from a brother or sister as they seldom have an opportunity to do that, so this time to hear the message from Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld was especially appreciated.



As synod staff, we did our best to help your leaders feel loved and cared for, to be equipped with high quality programming and to have ample opportunities for connecting with colleagues. We hope we returned them to you refreshed and renewed. So thank you to our congregations for supporting your leader(s) to

make their attendance possible. We couldn't do it without your partnership! This mission moment is a beautiful example of being church together for the sake of the world.

Thank you also for your offerings in support of the synod's upcoming youth event. We received **\$1,610.01**. God is so good!





ACTIVE AGING AND THE VOICE
First Session is This Sunday, October 14

Register NOW! themcp.org/third-themcp.org/third-age

Do you know singers who are feeling a bit rusty after taking the summer off? Do you know adult singers who wonder about changes in their voices as they age?

This program is recommended and will be led in part by a member of Madison Christian Community, Jen Terhune Streit!

The Madison Choral Project would like to invite such singers to attend our Master Class Series:

“Active Aging and the Voice: voice changes are not just for teenagers”

As we enter the Third Age* of our lives, we experience changes with our voices. As our larynx and lungs experience the same aging issues that our legs and back do, we may notice a breathy timbre, larger vibrato, narrower range, new breaks, less stamina, and less flexibility. Though the fountain of youth remains a mystery, we can offer practical exercises and medical insights to keep you singing into and through the Third Age.

Educate yourself about what you can do to guide your voice into and through the Third Age. Professional singer/educators from the Madison Choral Project will lead three sessions to help you navigate these changes and keep you singing for life. Led by MCP conductor & artistic director, Albert Pinsonneault; MCP singers/church choir directors Kathleen Otterson and **Jen Terhune Streit (Madison Christian Community)**; and speech pathologist/voice specialist Brienne Ruel, M.A., CCC-SLP, our goals are to help people understand the changes in their voices and increase their confidence to keep people singing as long as possible.

Dates: October 14, 21 and 28 from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Cost: \$60
Register online: themcp.org/third-age

Active Aging and the Voice
voice changes are not just for teenagers!

Through group voice instruction and choral rehearsal, professional singer/educators from the Madison Choral Project will give you tools to strengthen your voice and keep you singing into and through the Third Age.*



THREE SUNDAYS
OCTOBER 14 / 21 / 28
3:30PM TO 5:00PM
COST: \$60

at MADISON CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY
7118 OLD SAUK ROAD, MADISON, WI

Register online: themcp.org/third-age

* The Third Age is the period of time between middle age and old age, when people generally have time available and physical ability to pursue interests and activities.





SCSW DIAKONIA CLASS SIGN UP AND CALL OUT FOR A FEW MORE INSTRUCTORS THAT ARE NEEDED!

Our instructors are second to none! We are so appreciative that our rostered ministers offer their time and knowledge to teach and develop leaders in our synod. We are still looking for instructors and by design, students can enroll at any time for future classes. Could serving and learning in this way be on your heart?

Featured Instructor This Week: Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Rev. Naomi Garber, Pastor, All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg

"I have been ordained for eighteen and one half years. I have served in a variety of ministry settings from Associate Pastor to Administrative Pastor to Associate with the Bishop. Today I am interim pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church in Fitchburg. I have been here since July of 2017. I hear God's call to me is to continue serving God and God's church in interim ministry. I love thinking about theological matters and concepts. When I was invited to teach "Introduction to Christian Doctrine", I realized this was an opportunity to intentionally study and reflect upon the basic systematic constructs of our life of faith. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading and contemplating doctrinal matters once again.

My hope for the Diakonia students, who engage in the "Introduction to Christian Doctrine," is for students to recognize how they already know many of these constructs but simply did not have a name for them. I hope they become interested and energized by what we talk about together as a means to deeper faith and life of faithfulness."

Instructors Still Needed for the Following Courses -

Madison & Evansville (Saturday mornings)

- * Faith in the North American Context - (Madison covered, Evansville Instructor Needed)
- * Christian Worship (Madison covered, Evansville Instructor Needed)



If you are interested in teaching, contact Diakonia Coordinator, Barb Zimmerman at 608-535-0264 or email her at: scswdiakonia@gmail.com.

If you are interested in taking classes, more information, along with registration form, can be obtained from the web site www.scsw-elca.org click on Ministries and Partners, Diakonia. You can also contact Linda Wulff at 920-210-2675 or by e-mail at scswdiakonia@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from prospective students and instructors!

Will You Partner With Us to Help Eliminate Hunger in our Downtown Madison Community?

Great Volunteer Opportunities for Individuals & Groups. We would greatly appreciate it if you would help us to serve this struggling community.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Food Pantry and Friday Community Meal needs your help! Volunteer yourself, or assemble a group of friends, your circles, co-workers, classmates, or family members. Food pantry workers help clients shop, keep shelves neat, and help with inventory. Friday Meal workers set-up serving line, help serve, and cleanup afterward.

Food Pantry: Tuesdays, 9:30am-Noon; Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm. (1-3 volunteers)

Free Community Meal: Every Friday, 11:00am-2:00pm. (6 volunteers)

Contact Chris at StMarksFeeds@gmail.com; or sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2O1QsCN>.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce, Madison.

AND . . .

Grant Writer Needed

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is a very small congregation with a thriving Southside Madison food ministry. Our Food Pantry and Friday Community Meal rely on grants and donations for funding. We are in need of someone with the gift and experience of grant writing willing to volunteer their time to identify and apply for grants to help sustain these important ministries. If you are interested in volunteering your grant-writing gifts, please contact Chris at StMarksFeeds@gmail.com.

"Leading Well" Spirit in the Desert Retreat November 13-16, 2018

Vibrant Faith ministries and Spirit in the Desert are offering Leading Well—a four day training experience for pastors, deacons and church leaders that offers practical learning, Sabbath rest and collegial support. Skills will focus on staff and volunteer management, strategic/staffing challenges in your congregation, a new grounding in your sense of call, worship, retreat and support from colleagues. To register:



For more info and registration contact Cyndy Warnier, Program & Development Director (480) 488-5218 or email <mailto:cindy@spiritinthedesert.org>

Find full descriptions & Cost on our website: <http://www.spiritinthedesert.org>

Clergy Spouse Conference - February 1-3, 2019 - Save the dates!

The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites all Clergy Spouses to attend the annual Clergy Spouse Conference. The 2019 event will take place February 1-3 in Iron Mountain, MI. Please join us for a great weekend of faith renewal and fellowship. Our guest speaker this year is Barbara Solsaa of Clergy Life Coaching. The weekend includes workshops, a service project, time to relax, fun and fellowship. One and two night registration options are available. Clergy Spouses from all synods are welcome to attend. Please print off the attached registration form and submit it by January 14, 2019. For a registration form, contact Stefanie Ehle at the Northern Great Lakes Synod: sehle@uwalumni.com

Get FREE books + fundraise

An opportunity from Augsburg Fortress, the ELCA Publishing Ministry:



Wellness Book Fairs

From the makers of Reformation 500 Bookstores, **Wellness Book Fairs** provide adults with books on coping with grief and loss, managing stress, overcoming adversity, and more. Host a Book Fair that helps adults heal, grow, and thrive!

Children's Book Fairs

Alongside the Wellness Book Fair, you can now host a **Christmas Children's Book Fair** that will help kids thrive socially, emotionally, and spiritually. It has never been easier to connect with the entire family in your congregation!

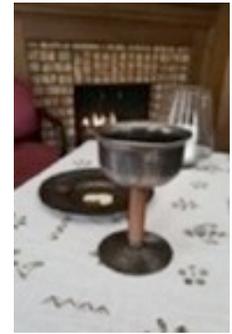
Free books: Each Book Fair offers a free display kit of **ten to twelve free books**—**and they are yours to keep!**

Fundraiser opportunity: Get 20% back on orders that exceed \$200.



THE SYNOD NEEDS VOLUNTEER PREACHERS!

As you know, each week we hold Communion Worship in the synod office chapel and each week, we invite a different preacher. This is an opportunity that is open to all of our **Pastors and Deacons**, whether in an active call, or retired or on leave. Worship is held in an intimate setting in our little fireside chapel from 12:00 to 12:30 with brown bag lunch immediately following if you are able. We worship anywhere from 3 to 30. You will choose one ad-hoc day or can choose more if you desire, but if you are interested in serving in this way, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Carolyn Butts at 608-270-0201. Call Carolyn and make her day!



Join Us for Worship In the Synod Office Chapel Every Thursday at Noon – All Are Welcome!

We gather for worship and holy communion on Thursdays. Each week a different preacher from our synod leads worship. Come to the table and be fed in body and spirit.

Brown bag lunch and fellowship immediately following if you are able at 12:30.

Our address is: 6401 Odana Road, Suite 20, Madison, WI 53719 Please join us!



Congregational Newsletter Editors - please include this in your newsletters!

WHAT MATTERS - Stay Connected To Synod Happenings, News, & Events!
Grow in your faith and leadership! Stay connected to exciting events and stories of our faith in action in our synod! To sign up for synod news, please email Assistant to the Bishop for Media, Communications & Leadership Development, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to be added to "What Matters."



Sunday, October 14 is the Last Day of the Farm Art D'Tour! Going Through Loganville.

For more information: <https://www.arts.gov/exploring-our-town/farmart-dtour>

Enjoy a drive through the country roads and stop at **St. Peter's** in Loganville for a bowl of homemade soup, ham or turkey wraps or sandwiches and pulled pork sandwiches at the **Shepherd's Café**. While there you will be able to shop for unique hand crafted items. Included in the **Shepherd's Market**

will be quilts, sorghum, honey, maple syrup, Fair Trade items from Guatemala, alpaca items, crocheted items, quilted items, paintings, spices and more. Open Saturdays and Sundays 11-5 PM, Monday-Friday 11-3 PM from October 5 - 14.

St. Peter's is located at: 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI



St. Peter's in Loganville Also Invites You to The Annual Chili Supper

On October 17 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

The annual **Chili Supper** offers fellowship and friendship with a bowl of chili, French Bread, cheese, pickles, beverage and bars. Free Will donations accepted. Take a night off of cooking and join in!

Register online at nissynod.org/rmce

NIS Rostered Ministers Continuing Education presents **Effective Preaching for Today**



Northern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Join the Rev. Dr. Rolf Jacobson of 'Working Preacher' fame, and professor at Luther seminary as he discusses the challenges that preachers face in this politically-charged, rapidly changing day and age, and what makes for effective preaching today. Drawing from his experience as a professor, and his passion for the narrative lectionary, Dr. Jacobson will have helpful insights for anyone who seeks to bring good news to their people through preaching.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Christ Lutheran Church, Belvidere

Cost is \$75 per person until October 8.
After October 8, cost is \$90.



Learning Event Brought to You By Your Synod's Racial Equity Ministry Team

This event led by the synod's Racial Equity Ministry Team. This team's programming has been received with much enthusiasm. Please join us for this high quality programming that will leave you more informed and aware of how you are living out your faith. **It will be led by Dr. Craig Nesson! Wow!**

"American Genocides Project" Led By Theologian and Author, Dr. Craig Nesson!

Date: Sunday, October 14 Event / 4:00- 6:00 pm

Place: New Life Church - 7564 Cottage Grove Road - Madison

**Free will offering*

One of the central factors for addressing systemic racism in this country involves dismantling the fundamentally flawed, conventional narrative used to interpret U.S. history. According to genocide theory, American history has been decisively marked by two genocides: 1) against the indigenous people of this continent and 2) against enslaved African people. The ELCA in assembly has adopted a resolution to repudiate the doctrine of discovery as one step of addressing this history:

http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Repudiation_Doctrine_of_DiscoverySPR16.pdf>

The historian Edward E. Baptist in his book, *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism* (2014) has documented how the "whipping machine" of slavery and its expansion was a decisive force driving the economic development of this country. Only right remembering can lead to repentance. What would be the meaning of reparations as a sign of true repentance?



Dr. Craig L. Nesson is William D. Steng Professor for the Education and Renewal of the Church, Academic Dean, and Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He teaches courses in the areas of contextual theology, pastoral theology, and theological ethics.



FESTIVAL CHOIR - CALLING ALL SINGERS!
Saturday, November 3 - 7:00 PM
First Lutheran Church - 612 N. Randall Avenue, Janesville
Calling all Singers: Join us for a Once-In-A-Lifetime Musical Event!

Music to Move Our World is a community-building celebration of music, visual elements, and guest speakers, and features an adult and children's chorus **accompanied by the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra**. The program focuses on the concepts of Home and Community- both here in Southern Wisconsin and around the world. Music and other elements are used to paint a more complete picture of who we consider our neighbor, to soften the divisive barriers that have

historically isolated us from one another, and above all to illustrate the joy receive- and give- when answering our Christian call to reach out in love for one another.

All interested singers are encouraged to join our adult chorus. A meal and the choral music will be provided. All proceeds from the event support several charities and future similar events; participants are asked to consider a donation of \$10 to help cover music, meal, and the commemorative DVD which will be given to all following the event. Singers are encouraged to attend as many rehearsals as possible, which will be held on **Thursday, October 18, Thursday, October 25, and Tuesday, October 30** at First Lutheran Church, 612 North Randall Avenue, Janesville, WI from 6:30-8:00pm. A dress rehearsal and dinner will be held at the church prior to the event on Saturday, Nov. 3, 3:00-6:00pm.

For more information, and to sign up for the Adult Chorus contact Jan Knutson, Choir Director at First Lutheran at jknutson604@gmail.com or (608) 921-6534. **Learn more about this creative use of First Lutheran's space in support of the arts and their community!** <https://firstevents.org/world>



Lutheran Campus Ministry Wisconsin & Upper Michigan Fall Social Justice Retreat Friday, November 2 - Saturday, November 3 (with optional additional stay on Saturday night)

Students and staff in Wisconsin & Upper Michigan are cordially invited to participate in this year's LCM Fall Social Justice Retreat, co-sponsored by Lutheran Campus Ministry - Madison, The Corner House (LCM at UW - Milwaukee), and the Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin.



This year's theme: Hungry for Change: Food Insecurity & Environmental Issues
 Housing at The Urban Gathering Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Tentative cost: \$30 (+ extra \$15 if staying Saturday night)

Likely topics & activities include:

- Field Trip to UW-Milwaukee Student Food Pantry - Why is hunger an issue on college campuses? What are schools doing to help?
- Lunch at Tricklebee Cafe - What does a meal where all are welcome look like?
- Field Trip to Alice's Garden - How does growing our own food nourish our bodies and our connection to God's creation?
- Guests from Milwaukee's Lutheran Volunteer Corps will join us discuss their food-related ministry

Why should your students participate?

- To learn about issues facing our local communities, state, and nation
- To consider the Christian call to advocacy
- To get energized to participate in this year's midterm elections
- To meet other LCM Students from our region
- Get excited about ministries for Young Adults and participate in the LSM National Gathering in Memphis in December.

Attention All Congregational Treasurers!

PORTICO BENEFIT SERVICES - A ministry of the ELCA

Portico offers a new online video series for Congregational Treasurers. The video links are below. They will eventually be on EmployerLink,

1. Welcome video: <https://vimeo.com/286898425/17550a772a>
2. Understanding Your Bill: <https://vimeo.com/283784085/b9c699d390>
3. EmployerLink Tour: <https://vimeo.com/283787408/1b2bcecb97>

Also, please share the following:

Resourceful Stewards Initiative

Financial wellness is a vital part of a healthy life. Ministers who are in a financially sound position experience greater satisfaction in their work and their relationships, and are more able to freely serve the church and its mission without being encumbered by financial anxiety.

Savings Matching Programs

The church is an active partner in addressing specific needs raised by rostered ministers, helping rostered ministers develop their personal financial and stewardship health. Two Savings Matching programs share financial resources with rostered ministers.

These programs match rostered ministers' contributions to a dedicated emergency savings account and/or increased contributions to their ELCA retirement plan accounts. Click below to learn about the programs, services and resources available to you as a minister or lay person! **Deadline to apply is October 14th** Go to resourcefulservants.org for more info!

A Continuing Education Opportunity - October 29-30

Staying Alive Spiritually. . . a two day retreat
Cedar Valley in West Bend, WI

This Retreat is targeted at Clergy and Ministers serving congregations. Certified Spiritual Director Holly Whitcomb will help us learn to balance the expectations of leading others in an authentic spiritual life, while maintaining our own spiritual life. Time for learning, praying, solitude, fellowship.

Cost per person: \$275.00 8.0 contact hours

Please contact Pastor Sara Gillespie (St. Paul - Mayville) for more information. Sara.gillespie06@gmail.com



Orfordville Lutheran Church Invites The Whole Synod to Their Annual Norwegian Dinner!

Take the day off from cooking and join in!

Saturday, October 27, 2018

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

210 N. Main Street, Orfordville

Serving: Lutefisk, Lefse, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries, Coleslaw, Rolls, Pie, Coffee & Milk

Adults \$15 Children (5-12) \$5 Children under 5 - FREE

Church is fully handicapped accessible

www.orfordvillelutheran.org (608) 879-2575

office@orfordvillelutheran.org

Join us for Orfordville Lutheran's annual

Norwegian Dinner

Oct. 27, 2018

11 am - 3 pm

Orfordville Lutheran Church
210 N Main St
Orfordville, WI 53570

www.orfordvillelutheran.org
(608) 879-2575
office@orfordvillelutheran.org

Serving:
Lutefisk, Lefse, Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Cranberries, Coleslaw, Rolls, Pie, Coffee & Milk

Adults - \$15 Children (5-12) - \$5 Children under 5 - FREE
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Positions in Our Synod

We are happy to help promote your positions. Please submit 100 words or less to Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, Synod Communicator, email: vickih@scsw-elca.org Please notify Vicki when the position has been filled so that we can keep this list current. Thanks!

Office Manager – Bristol Lutheran Church (Sun Prairie)

Bristol Lutheran Church is seeking an individual for the position of Office Manager. The position is part-time and includes church Administration, Communication Coordination, and Church Office Management under the direction of the Pastor and the Bristol Lutheran Council. The position requires strong organizational skills and knowledge of Office computers and software (Microsoft Office Suite – Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint, in particular). Facebook and web page skills are a plus. Pay is commensurate with experience, however no benefits are available. The position averages three hours per day. Application may be submitted to pastorfim@bristollutheran.org and description of requirements can be found: http://www.bristollutheran.org/images/Parish_Office_Manager_Job_Description.pdf. (10/10/18)

Administrative Assistant - Trinity Lutheran Church (Fort Atkinson)

Seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant from outside the congregation to support its ministerial staff and manage Church Office operations. This is a part-time hourly position averaging 16 hours per week, no benefits, pay commensurate with experience. Strong organizational skills, knowledge of office computers and software (Microsoft Office Suite required; desktop publishing, Facebook and web page skills). This person must be able to multi-task, be flexible in their job routine, work as team member in a collaborative environment, and relate well to other church staff, congregants and visitors. See Trinityfort.org for full job description. (10/01/18)

Organist - Christ Lutheran Church (DeForest)

The position is 10-12 hours/week. Major responsibilities include planning for Sunday worship and weekly adult choir rehearsal. Principle instrument for Sunday worship is the Rodgers Infinity Digital three manual model organ purchased in 2015. Send applications to Christ Lutheran Church – 220 S Main St., DeForest, WI 53532. Contact Pastor Sue Beadle at office@christlutherandeforest.org for more information. Full job description can be found at <http://www.christlutherandeforest.org> (09/26/18)

Pianist and/or Choir Director - St. Martin's (Cross Plains)

Immediate opening for a pianist for 9:00 Sunday and special/seasonal services and an adult choir director; may be filled by one person or these positions may be held separately. **Pianist:** Organ skills welcome but not required. Pay is on per-service basis. **Choir Director:** From September through April, direct one rehearsal per week toward choir participation in worship three Sundays a month as well as special services. Pay is authorized for up to 7 hours/week. For full job descriptions or to submit a resume, please contact om@stmartinscp.org or call the church office, 608-798-2777. (09/12/18)

Chaplain, Triangle Community Ministry

Triangle Community Ministry is seeking a Chaplain who will be responsible for providing spiritual and emotional care to the residents living in the subsidized housing Triangle Community in Madison, WI. The Chaplain will offer a ministry of presence and foster spiritual healing and hope in the residents' lives, many of whom live with chronic health problems, and limited social, financial and health resources. Position is 24 hours a week. Candidates may send a resume to TCM Board President, Ginny Bores at viriniakb@gmail.com (09/04/18)

Keyboardist Position—McFarland Lutheran Church - McFarland, WI

McFarland Lutheran Church is seeking an organist/pianist to provide music for 2 Sunday worship services. This person would also accompany choir rehearsals one evening a week, and accompany choir performances on Sunday morning. The position is approximately 10 hours/week. Please contact Pastor Tim Dean at 608-838-3184 or tdean@mcfarlandlutheran.org for more information and to apply. (09/04/18)

Director of Music – St. John's Lutheran – Prairie du Sac

St. John's is seeking an individual who will serve as our organist and choir director. The position is 18 hours/week. Major responsibilities include playing for Sunday worship and conducting three choirs (two adult choirs and one youth choir). Principle instrument for Sunday worship is the organ. Send applications to St. John's Lutheran Church – 100 Oak Street, Prairie du Sac, WI, 53578. Contact Rev. Fred Rilling at fred@stjohnssaukprairie.org for more information. Full job description can be found at <http://www.stjohnssaukprairie.org/music-director/> (09/04/18)

New Life Church (Madison) Seeks Education Coordinator

The Education Coordinator is a key member of the New Life Church team. This is a part-time position, anticipated at 25-30 hours per week. This includes working Sunday mornings and occasional evenings on a rotational basis (with other office staff) to ensure that all services run smoothly. Specific office hours are to be determined. This position is responsible for coordinating internal education activities within the church, including the youth-based Family Faith Formation and other youth and adult programming. This position is also responsible for coordinating internal connections and ministries within the church. Questions or send resume to: newlifelc@sbcglobal.net (08/28/18)

New Life Church (Madison) Seeks Office Administrator

The Office Administrator is a key member of the New Life Church team. The Office Administrator is required to work in the church office Monday through Friday, with specific office hours to be determined. This is a part-time position, with anticipated 25 to 30 hours per week. This includes working Sunday mornings and occasional evenings on a rotational basis (with other office staff) to ensure that all three services run smoothly. This position is responsible for the daily operational management of the church office. Questions or send resume to: newlifelc@sbcglobal.net (08/28/18)

New Life Church (Madison) Seeks Outreach Coordinator

The Outreach Coordinator is a key member of the New Life Church team. This is a part-time position, anticipated at 10-15 hours per week, that will require regular office hours at the church. Specific office hours are to be determined. This includes working Sunday mornings and occasional evenings on a rotational basis (with other office staff) to ensure that all services run smoothly. This position is primarily responsible for the outreach programs of the church, including event scheduling, marketing, publicity, social media and website oversight. Questions or send resume to: newlifelc@sbcglobal.net (08/28/18)

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Reedsburg, Wisconsin Seeks An Organist

Organist will play two to three times per month for Sunday worship at 8 & 10 AM. The ideal candidate will possess some knowledge of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy. If interested contact the church office at 608-254-9763 or email office@sjrdb.com. (08/28/18)

ELCA Foundation is Searching for a Director of Gift Planning.

There are two key responsibilities for this leadership position: Through the **direct supervision** of a national staff of about 20 regional gift planners (coaching and managing), lead and manage a robust fund-raising program to identify, cultivate, solicit and steward prospective donors of current and planned gifts; and **Manage the business relationships** with ministry partner organizations through on-site visits. This position is located in Chicago and reports to the Executive Vice President of the Foundation. It requires about 30% travel, visiting regional gift planners, donors, and ministry partnerships.

Application, resume and cover letter should be [submitted through the ELCA job board](#). Inquiries about the position may be directed, in confidence, to [Gaye Lindfors of Significant Solutions, Inc.](#), the consultant assisting with this search. Link: gaye@significantsolutionsinc.com

Oakwood Village University Woods Is Looking for Volunteers - Can You Help?

Looking for volunteers to help in the following ways: Aviary Assistants to help take care of bird aviaries, and Oakleaf Gift Shop Cafe Cashiers to serve residents and other customers a few times a month Monday-Saturday late morning/early afternoon. A regular, ongoing commitment is needed to help but scheduling is flexible. Contact Volunteer Services Coordinator Kim Viney at (608)230-4238 or kim.viney@oakwoodvillage.net for more information about how to help. (08/14/18)

Financial Secretary - East Koshkonong (Cambridge)

The Financial Secretary will process the financial information for the East Koshkonong Lutheran Church in an accurate and timely manner, while ensuring proper accounting principles are applied. A complete job description is available at www.eastkoshkonong.org (07/03/18)

Part-Time Church Secretary – Shepherd of the Hills (New Glarus)

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is seeking an individual for six hours per week to provide a welcoming, confidential, and positive environment for all visitors to the church office. Main duties include preparing worship folders, the monthly newsletter, and maintaining church records. Excellent language skills and

knowledge of Microsoft Publisher and Word are preferred. Please email the Rev. Gene Talley at revtalley@gmail.com for details. (05/30/18)

Part-Time Youth and Family Ministry Director – New Hope Lutheran Church (Blanchardville / Hollandale)

Seeking an individual gifted in working with youth and who values cross-generational learning and social opportunities to coordinate faith formation for youth and families. We are looking for an individual who has a heart for sharing God's love with all people. The desired candidate will work with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to plan and carry out faith formation experiences for youth and their families. Experience working in a church setting or in education is helpful. This position is 15 hours/week and while hours are mostly flexible, work on Wednesday evenings and Sundays is required. A full job description is available at newhopelutheran.info (10/12/17)

Wisconsin Council of Churches Employment Opportunities

<https://www.wichurches.org/resources/employment-opportunities/>

At-A-Glance Future Synod Events:

Please see the **Congregational Events page on the Synod's EVENTS page** of the website for more events that will be hosted by congregations of our synod. Thanks! http://www.scsw-elca.org/congregational_events.aspx



October 13 - Lutheran World Relief In-Gathering - WI Southern RR Yard - Johnson Street (Madison)

October 14 - American Genocides Project - Racial Equity Ministry Event - New Life Church (Madison)

October 23 - Caring for Veterans Community Clergy Training Program - First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

October 25 - Youth and Family Network Meeting - Synod office or via Zoom

October 30 - Caring for Veterans Community Clergy Training Program - First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

November 2-3 - Lutheran Campus Ministry of WI & Upper Michigan Social Justice Retreat

November 6 - Caring for Veterans Community Clergy Training Program - First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

November 13 - Caring for Veterans Community Clergy Training Program - First Lutheran Church (Janesville)

November 11-14 - First Call Theological Education - St. Anthony Spirituality Center (Marathon, WI)

2019 - LEAD - Saturday, March 2 - (Leadership, Education & Development Day) - Evangelical LC (Mount Horeb)

2019 - SYNOD ASSEMBLY - Saturday & Sunday, May 4 & 5 - Marriott Hotel & Convention Center (Middleton)



Updates on Congregations in the Call Process and Rostered Leader Updates

Call process and roster changes are updated on the synod website monthly. Please keep these congregations and rostered leaders in your prayers.

Link: <http://scsw-elca.org/resources/callprocess/>

Prayers

Youth and Family Network Ministry Team:

- Jason Xiong, Member at Lake Edge Lutheran Church in Madison
- Amy Floan, Member at St. John's Lutheran Church in Evansville

Pastors and Congregations in our Synod:

- Rev. Susan Schneider, Pastor, and members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison
- Rev. Patrick Siegler, Pastor, and members of Zion Lutheran Church in Madison

Neighboring Synods:

- Bishop Michael Rinehart and the congregations of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

Churchwide Partners:

- Rev. Robin K Brown, Associate Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster, Mission Advancement at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL
- Ms. Candice Hill Buchbinder, Manager, Public Relations, Mission Advancement, at the ELCA Lutheran Center, Chicago, IL

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Ordination during this coming week:

- Karen Kiener, October 11, 1981, Retired in Madison, karenkiener@yahoo.com

We give thanks at this time for the ministry of those who celebrate their anniversary of Commissioning:

- None this week

May these leaders continue to be blessed for service.

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Share your news. If you have something you would like considered for publication in What Matters, send it to Communications & Event Manager, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan, at vickih@scsw-elca.org.

Visit our website: www.scsw-elca.org



Following Jesus, who commanded his followers, 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another,' and believing that all persons are created in the image of God, the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, ELCA, strives to be fully inclusive for all. This synod welcomes people of every race, background, age, political affiliation, economic and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and mental and physical ability, while striving to enable all people to participate fully in the life and work of the church and its expressions.